

BUTLER MURDER TRIAL PROCEEDING SLOWLY

But Few Witnesses Examined of a Large Number.

EVIDENCE FOR PROSECUTION

Accused Shown to Have Struck Step-father With Ax Because Latter Had Beaten His Wife.

It is not probable that the trial of James Butler, accused of the murder of his stepfather, Joseph Green, will be finished this week, unless—as is not customary—the hearing is continued on Friday and Saturday. The work of examining a jury was commenced Monday morning, but was not concluded until late Tuesday afternoon, so late, in fact, that the jurors were not sworn until court convened yesterday.

A large number of witnesses have been summoned on the part of the Government and for the defense. Only four or five had been examined when court adjourned yesterday afternoon. These were Deputy Coroner Glazebrook, Police Officer Johnson, photographer for the Police Department; the officer who arrested Butler after the killing, and two witnesses who appeared on the scene a moment or two after the tragedy.

Story of the Murder.

It was shown in evidence that Joseph Green and his wife, the mother of the defendant, resided in King's Alley southeast. On June 23 last, Mrs. Green sold some rags, with the consent of her husband. With the money she intended to go on an excursion down the Potomac River. At the last moment, however, it is said, Green objected to his wife going, and demanded that she turn over to him the money she received for the rags she sold. As a result of her refusal to give him the money, a quarrel ensued, and Green beat his wife. James Butler, her son, interfered to protect her, and struck Green a blow on the head with an ax. Green died from the wound inflicted by the boy.

Incriminating Testimony.

Two witnesses, however, testified that as long ago as last Easter, Butler threatened to kill his stepfather. Immediately after he struck Green with the ax, and while still holding it in his hand, he said to a woman, who appeared on the scene, "What are you hanging about her for? If you don't get away from her I'll kill some more niggers." It is not expected that the Government will close its case of the case until tomorrow afternoon. Testimony for the defendant will then be submitted.

PIERCE IS COMMITTED TO BE BROUGHT HERE

Alleged to Have Secured Money From Woman on False Pretense.

A telegram was received at police headquarters last night from Detective Horne, saying that Bradford H. Pierce was given a hearing before a United States commissioner in Providence, R. I., yesterday, and held in \$5,000 bond. In default, he was committed for the local authorities.

Pierce is wanted here to answer a charge of forgery, and Detective Horne, who went to Providence to get him, arrived just a few hours before Pierce's term in the State prison ended. He had just served six months in the Rhode Island penitentiary on the charge of forgery.

The offense Pierce committed here was to persuade Emma Robinson, who boarded at the same house with him on G Street northwest, to endorse three checks. Then he secured the cash, amounting to \$200, from the Riggs Bank, and fled.

ASKS SALE OF PROPERTY TO SATISFY JUDGMENT

Charles P. McDevitt has filed a petition in the District Supreme Court asking that the property of James K. Fitz Gibbon be sold to satisfy a judgment in favor of the petitioner. Fitz Gibbon was adjudged to be a lunatic on October 24, 1902, and committed to St. Elizabeth Hospital for the Insane.

The court is asked to appoint a guardian for him to represent his interests in the suit. Mary A. Fitz Gibbon, wife of James K. Fitz Gibbon, is also named as defendant in the proceedings. Stuart McNamara is named as counsel for the complainant.

CHICKEN THIEVES TAKE HIGH-BRED POULTRY

Chicken thieves have manifested their presence in town, and also the fact that they discriminate as to the quality of poultry they steal. No common chickens for them! They broke into the henhouse of Richard Lee, a fancier on Anacostia Road, and stole a dozen thoroughbred fowls, which Mr. Lee values at \$50.

On the night of December 9 twenty-one chickens and two ducks were stolen from George Wells, 647 Sixteenth Street northeast, valued at \$35.

PILOTINUS DISCUSSED.

At the meeting of the Society for Philosophical Inquiry, at the Columbian University, Tuesday, December 15, the Rev. Frank Sewall, D. D., read a paper on Neo-Platonism, with special references to the doctrines of Plotinus. The ensuing discussion was participated in by the president of the society, Dr. J. Macbride Sterrett, Dr. Edward Farquhar, William M. Coleman, Prof. George E. Raymond, Dr. E. E. Richardson, and the Rev. Frank Sewall. The next meeting of the society will be held at the university on Tuesday, January 5, at 4:20 p. m.

DELTA PHI'S NEW HOME.

The Delta Phi Society removed on Monday from 221 E Street northwest to its new home at 123 Q Street northwest. The officers, who are not designated by title, but by letters, are: A. A. Berry; B. E. H. Flueck; C. W. R. P. Maloney; D. W. B. Williams; E. C. B. Rix, and F. C. W. Arth.

BEAUREGARD SUCCEEDS GALPIN.

Private J. F. Beauregard, of the police force, has been assigned to bicycle duty, vice Private Galpin, who has been assigned to mounted duty.

ONE BURGER DEFIES EMPEROR OF GERMANY

Man on Kaiser's Estate Builds House With Inscription: "Put Not Your Trust in Monarchs."

BERLIN, Dec. 17.—Considerable excitement has been caused at Marienburg, the village on the Kaiser's estate near Danzig, which was destroyed by fire a year ago, by the erection of a tenement house on the grounds. When the village was destroyed the Kaiser offered to pay for the rebuilding of all the houses on condition that they were erected in their former medieval and picturesque style.

All the owners, except one, agreed to the plan. This dissident has erected a gaudy modern five-storyed tenement, with a huge inscription across the front, which reads: "Put not your trust in monarchs. Build according to your own judgment."

Visitors are flocking to the village to see the incongruous house, and its inscription. The authorities have thus far failed to obtain a removal of the inscription. Build according to your own judgment.

CHAPLAIN AN ACCOMPLICE IN CEMETERY ROBBERIES

MADRID, Dec. 17.—The sensational discovery has been made that the aristocratic burial ground known as the Patriarchal Cemetery has been ransacked by robbers and that the chaplain and custodians of the grounds were accomplices in the acts. Marbles, bronzes, and jewels valued at 2,000,000 pesetas have been stolen. The chaplain, custodians and the chiefs of the gang have been placed under arrest.

MINISTER TO CUBA WILL COME TO WASHINGTON

H. C. Squiers, the United States minister to Cuba, who arrived in New York several days ago, has informed Assistant Secretary Loomis of the State Department that he will remain in New York until Sunday.

Mr. Squiers will then come to Washington.

COTTON SPINNERS SEEKING TO DEFEAT GAMBLING

LONDON, Dec. 17.—The Manchester cotton spinners have called the manufacturers of cotton material in America and Europe asking them to call a meeting and see if their association is prepared to join in an international movement for the defeat of cotton gambling. This result, they state, can only be accomplished by such international action.

A meeting of the allied cotton trades has been called at Manchester for December 23.

\$30,000 FRAUD BY MAIL.

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—Julius M. Nisson and Arthur J. Herbert were found guilty yesterday of using the mails to defraud. They used the name of a reputable firm, ordered goods worth in all about \$37,000, reshipped them to New York and disposed of them there.

GREEK CABINET OUT.

ATHENS, Greece, Dec. 17.—The Ralli cabinet has resigned, the premier being unable to find sufficient support in the chamber of deputies to carry out his policy.

FREE-HAND COMMENT ON MEN AND MANNERS

The two enterprising young ladies who rifled the schools of the city, carrying off any spare change or jewelry that the school ma'ams may have left in their desks, do not deserve the least credit in the world for originality. They entered upon their unique career in the most commonplace manner imaginable. A diamond scarf pin belonging to the brother of one of them, and \$33, was the original temptation, and they turned next to the desks in their world school, probably because they saw the teacher put away something of value in it. So, famous as the young ladies have become, there is nothing in their exploit to inspire hopes of a brilliant future, and they would do well when released from their present inclement to turn to honest ways. Honesty is the best policy, unless one is a positive genius.

The President and Mr. Rils seem to have resolved themselves into a mutual admiration society, and bouquets fly back and forth with great rapidity. Well, there is no objection to that. They are both good citizens.

The plain talking which Mr. Rils has been doing in this city cannot fail of good results. What the noisome places of the earth need is to have the sunlight let in. Reform is always the result of letting in the light and of agitation. The apathy which permits evil conditions to go on from year to year is dispelled as soon as somebody begins to tell the truth in clear, ringing tones. Jacob A. Rils is so well known for the eyes of the more fortunate classes, and his charges as to the slums of Washington are so sensational that they will be read with interest and amazement, not only in America, but in foreign countries. Washington has had the reputation hitherto among diplomats of being the cleanest and prettiest capital in the world. It is a broad, well-paved streets, its beautiful residences, its long, clean vistas have given it the name of being an exceedingly well-kept town. But it seems that it is in reality a whitened sepulcher, that all this cleanliness and prettiness is for the eyes of the more fortunate classes, and that the real cleaning up, which searches out the haunts of the very poor, the careless, and the hopeless, has never been done. This condition existing here is more than a local matter. Citizens all over the country will feel indignant to learn that there are districts in the Capital City as bad as the Whitechapel in London, and it will become the fashion now for people visiting Washington to "go slumming" and see for themselves. But the death-knell of Washington's slums has been sounded. The conditions described by Mr. Rils will not be permitted to remain unchanged.

Can we not make some such similar claim with regard to the cakewalk? As a dance it originated here, and is as truly American as the fandango is Spanish. It is a compelling dance, too, for it has crossed the water and taken Paris by storm, its grotesque and whimsical abandon having a peculiar appeal for the French mind. We look to the colored people to preserve the cakewalk and the coon song in all their classic purity, and if the African preachers begin to thunder against these things, we are in danger of losing the only two really original features of our American civilization.

The life of Jacob A. Rils, by the way, has much in it of inspiration to the young man, just starting out on his career. While seeking earnestly to do good in a practical way, Mr. Rils has won great success for himself of the sort that is more desirable than the mere acquiring of a certain number of dollars. His name is known the world over and he is made the friend, confidant, and adviser of the greatest in the land. He began in a very humble way, as a newspaper reporter, without money or friends. But he did not scatter his forces. He picked out his work and threw himself into it with single-mindedness and with great earnestness. His own reward has been the greater because his work was unselfish in its nature, and included the uplifting of his fellows.

Here in Washington, where the cakewalk thrives in its most exaggerated beauty, the crusade of the Rev. Dr. Braxton will be looked upon with genuine alarm. This worthy gentleman, who is of African persuasion, characterizes the cakewalk as foolish and disgraceful, and has commanded the members of his congregation to desist from it. It has been truthfully said that the negro melodies are about the only distinctive thing that America has given the world. They are peculiarly American, and when a citizen of the United States sojourning abroad hears a coon song it takes him back home as quickly as a sight of the Stars and Stripes. All the rest of our music is imitative and uncharacteristic.

Among the interesting papers read at the last annual banquet of the Columbia Dental Society, was one on the subject of the "Ethical Dentist." The ethical dentist is probably the one who always tells the truth. If he picks up a long, murderous-looking probe and you ask him, "Is this going to hurt?" he does not reply, "No, not much." Instead, he says, grimly: "Yes, indeed! I'm going to punch right into the back of your eyeball now, and make you think your liver is a-fire. Better hold tight to the chair, and don't be ashamed to scream."

The ladies of Georgetown who have interested themselves in teaching poor the principles of housekeeping, are doing a work of practical good. The exhibition given in the parish hall of Christ Church Tuesday evening, of the accomplishments of the girls who have been under training, proved conclusively the success of the experiment.

Our relations with his most Christian Majesty King Menelik, seem to be growing more and more friendly each day. He must be a most enlightened monarch. At any rate, he likes us, which is sure proof that he is far advanced in civilization. He is polite to all Americans who go over there, gives them dinner, and says nice things to them, which is about all King Edward or Theodore Roosevelt could do for a distinguished foreigner. There is something very gratifying in these cordial relations with the rulers of other countries. Of course, Menelik is quite a ways off, but he is a good fighter, and Ras Makonnen in battle is a regular "rubber idjit on a spree." We are expanding very rapidly, and there is no telling at what minute the wheel of fortune will put us in need of a strong ally in Central Africa.

DEATH OF CAPT. E. C. BENJAMIN. General Wade advised the War Department of the death of Capt. Everett E. Benjamin, Twenty-seventh Infantry, in the Manila Hospital at 6 o'clock this morning. Malaria fever was the cause of death.

SISTERS OF CHARITY

Rely Upon Pe-ru-na to Fight Colds, Coughs, Catarrh, and Grip.



Another recommend from a Catholic Institution of one of the Central States written by the Sister Superior reads as follows:

"A number of years ago our attention was called to Dr. Hartman's Peru-na, and since then we have used it with wonderful results for grip, coughs, colds, and catarrhal diseases of the head and stomach."

"For grip and winter catarrh, especially it has been of great service to the inmates of this institution."

SISTERS OF CHARITY

All Over the United States Use Pe-ru-na for Catarrh. A recommend recently received from a Catholic Institution in the Southwest reads as follows:

A Prominent Mother Superior Says: "I can testify from experience to the efficiency of Peru-na as one of the very best medicines, and it gives me pleasure to add my praise to that of thousands who have used it. For years I suffered with catarrh of the stomach, all remedies proving valueless for relief. Last spring I went to Colorado, hoping to be benefited by a change of climate, and while there a friend advised me to try Peru-na. After using two bottles I found myself very much improved. The remains of my old disease being now so slight, I consider myself cured, yet for a while I intend to continue the use of Peru-na. I am now treating another patient with your medicine. She has been sick with malaria and troubled with leucorrhoea. I have no doubt that a cure will be speedily effected."

These are samples of letters received by Dr. Hartman from the various orders of Catholic Sisters throughout the United States.

The names and addresses to these letters have been withheld from respect to the Sisters, but will be furnished on request.

One-half of the diseases which afflict mankind are due to some catarrhal derangement of the mucous membrane lining some organ or passage of the body.

A remedy that would act immediately upon the congested mucous membrane restoring it to its normal state would consequently cure all these diseases. Catarrh is catarrh wherever located, whether it be in the head, throat, lungs, stomach, kidneys, or pelvic organs. A remedy that will cure it in one location will cure it in all locations.

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Address Dr. Hartman, President of The Hartman Sanitarium, Columbus, Ohio.

Interesting Letters From Catholic Institutions.

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Dr. Hartman receives many letters from Catholic Sisters from all over the United States. A recommend recently received from a Catholic institution in Detroit, Mich., reads as follows:

Dr. S. B. Hartman, Columbus, Ohio: Dear Sir—"The young girl who used the Peru-na was suffering from laryngitis and loss of voice. The result of

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This young girl was under the care of the Sisters of Charity and used Peru-na for catarrh of the throat, with good result as the above letter testifies.

From a Catholic Institution in Central Ohio comes the following recommend from the Sister Superior:

"Some years ago a friend of our institution recommended to us Dr. Hartman's Peru-na as an excellent remedy for the influenza of which we then had several cases which threatened to be of a serious character."

"We began to use it and experienced such wonderful results that since then Peru-na has become our favorite medicine for influenza, catarrh, cold, cough and bronchitis."

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Men's \$2.50 quality Ooze Calf and Tan Walrus. Soft, easy, pretty House Slippers. 1.65		Women's \$2.50 guaranteed Patent Leather, Velvet Calf and Vici Kid Boots, with or without cork soles. 1.87
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